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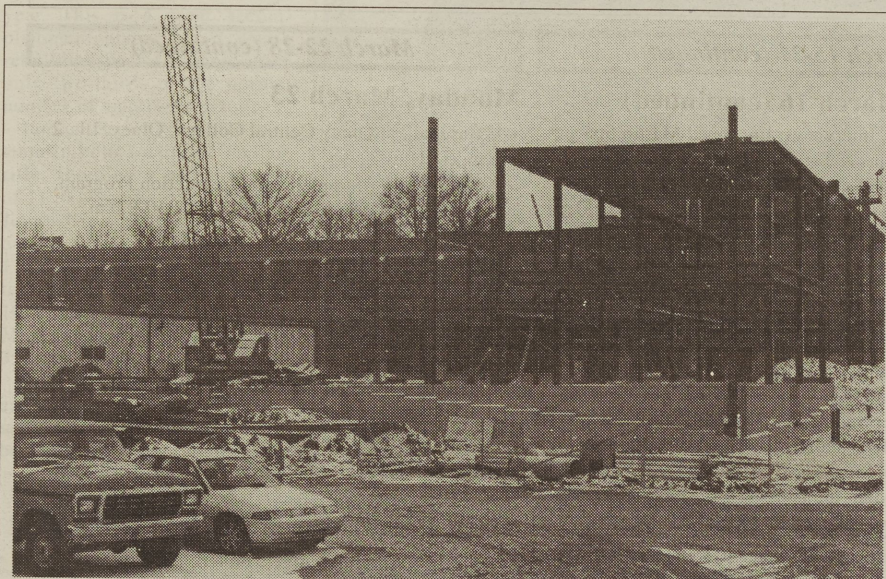
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Friday, March 13, 1998

CTRI construction continues



The metal frame of the CTRI is now in place, after further work done by crews during the quarter break. The building is scheduled to be completed by late April.

Photo by John Straigis

by James Tedrick
Thorn News Reporter

The construction of the John T. Meyers Center for Technological Research with Industry building (CTRI) is proceeding as planned. The building's steel frame was erected over break.

The construction of the new maintenance building also continues on schedule. It should be ready for occupation by the end of April. During excavation several items were found and had to be removed, including trees, concrete, and the front end of a car.

Several items also had to be removed from the CTRI site, including bottles and cans, old chemical containers, and a chemistry desk. "Apparently, the area was used as a landfill before it was paved over," commented Wayne Spary, director of facilities and maintenance.

No additional space should be needed for the CTRI building's construction.

The only exception that might occur is running a sewer line from the building, which may take up a few spaces.

Work in the summer around the site will include the construction of a sidewalk and a storm sewer line. Another priority this summer will be the repair of the roadways on campus.

When completed near the end of September, the center will be a 40,000 square foot, two-story structure. It will include 17 low labs, several of which may be split into smaller spaces, and four high bay labs. "It was designed to hold a minimum of 50 projects at any one time," noted Spary.

In addition to the laboratory space, the L-shaped building will contain three meeting rooms and an elevated floor presentation room that will accommodate roughly 100 people. There will also be a cubicle style office area. The building will be accessible through Moench on the L level via an enclosed bridge walkway.

Two other minor construction jobs

are currently underway as well. The road that runs behind Crapo Hall is currently closed to place underground power feeds that will go into Crapo and Moench. This is part of an effort to place all the utility lines underground instead of on the system of poles currently used. According to Spary, the road will reopen next week.

New light poles are also being installed on the intramural fields by Cinergy. The concrete foundations for the lights were set late last quarter, and the poles were scheduled to arrive this week. However, installation of the poles has been delayed to let the ground dry and reduce the damage the vehicles cause on the field.

Spary is happy with the progress of construction. "I am pleased with the cooperation from students, faculty, and staff. They realize that the CTRI site is a closed one, and is also dangerous to enter. I'm also grateful for the lack of complaints on the unavoidable mud and sand around the site," he said.

Tragedy avoided in gun firing incident

by Beth Bateman
Thorn News Editor

A potentially dangerous situation was successfully averted at the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity house on Sunday, February 22, when members of the Rose-Hulman community and local police persuaded a fraternity member to surrender a gun that he had been firing in the house, according to Tom Miller, assistant dean of students.

Miller indicated that there were "multiple factors" leading to the incident. The student had not performed well academically, had not slept in several days, and had consumed alcohol. Because of these factors and the upcoming final exams for winter quarter, "the student felt he was under considerable stress...and panicked," according to Miller.

The student retrieved a handgun from his truck, brought it into his room in the ATO house, and began to fire the gun out of his window and into his television and stereo, explained Miller.

The shots fired alerted fraternity members Nate Subbert and J.P. Williams to the situation, and Miller said that they "did a wonderful job" in helping everyone else in the house move to a safer distance from the student with the gun.

Miller arrived at the house around 7:00 a.m. By the time he arrived, the police, ambulance, and Rose-Hulman security had been contacted. Miller then contacted Pete Gustafson, assistant vice president of student affairs and associate dean of students, and Jess Lucas, vice president of student affairs and dean of students.

Miller helped move people away from the house. He explained that residents were cleared from the house because of concern for the safety of all people involved. He did not want anyone nearby if the gun

was accidentally fired. Miller also emphasized that the student did not threaten others with the gun.

Gustafson agreed with this sentiment, saying, "whether someone means for something to happen [or not], it's just too dangerous."

When Gustafson arrived at the house, the student was behind the house and walking in and out. According to Miller, approximately 90 minutes after he arrived the student was persuaded to surrender the gun and was taken to the hospital.

After taking the student to the hospital, Miller, Lucas, and Gustafson met with the student and his parents to discuss the situation. It was decided that it would be "in the best interest of the student to go home and get some rest," commented Miller.

The student has withdrawn from Rose-Hulman. He may return next year if he is re-admitted by the admissions and standing committee, according to Gustafson.

Miller complimented everyone who helped with the crisis situation. He mentioned that this situation turned out well because people in the Rose community care about each other and have a "built-in support system."

Gustafson and Miller were both grateful for the involvement of the Terre Haute police. Gustafson commented that they "did a nice job."

Miller said, "[The police] were professional, patient, understanding, concerned, and open to suggestions." He also stressed that the cooperation between members of the community during this situation was an important team effort.

Gustafson emphasized the fact that guns are not permitted on campus but can be stored in the security office. Although this situation had a safe outcome, it was "potentially dangerous," he explained. "It takes only one incident like that to cause a tragedy."

Solar Phantom team tours northern Indiana

by Thu Vu Pham
Thorn News Reporter

Coming off the success of last year's fifth place at Sunrayce '97, the Rose-Hulman Solar Phantom team began a new season with a public relations tour to mentally prepare the members for the upcoming summer competition.

Dan Vialard, chief operation officer, headed the tour. Vialard decided to set up the tour after several schools contacted the club asking to see the car. Vialard said the offer was an opportunity for the team to work together and get to know the car.

"The most important aspect of the tour was for the new members to get familiar with the car," said Vialard.

Furthermore, Vialard thought it would give the new members a better understanding of the race situation.

The tour was done over four days from March 2 to March 5. Fifteen members joined Dr. Dan Moore, the club's new advisor, on the trip. The group filled two minivans, along with a truck and trailer and the Phantom II.

The journey began at Rose with a destination of Argos, Indiana. The first day covered most of the transportation to Argos in north-

ern Indiana. The team unloaded the car at a stop in Indianapolis. From there, the car made a 100 mile trek to Argos where the team spent a night at Vialard's house.

On the second day the members visited both Plymouth and Penn high schools in northern Indiana. The third day, the members visited Knox Middle School in the morning and spent the night at

Saint Joseph's, a Catholic college in Rensselaer, Indiana. During these visits, the members had the opportunity to teach northern Indiana students about solar power and electrical engineering.

On the last day, the members tried another race simulation on their way back to Rose. Unfortunately, the snow caused an electrical problem with the car.

Fortunately, the electrical team was able to fix the problem. However, the team decided to wrap up the simulation and returned home.

"The trip went really well. All the members and Dr. Moore got to know each other," commented Vialard.

The trip was a great opportunity for the members to simulate the experiences of the real race. It gave the members a chance to be together and strengthened their teamwork and communication skills. Furthermore, the testing gave the team a chance to check out the car and prepare for all the possible scenarios that could occur during a race.

The Solar Phantom team will host a race this summer from June 2 to June 6. The race will begin at Wheeling, West Virginia and end at Rose. So far eight teams have expressed interest in participating.



Solar Phantom team members pose with the Phantom II during their tour to northern Indiana.

Photo by Dr. Dan Moore

March 13-14

Rose-Hulman Conference on Undergraduate Mathematics,
Events held throughout campus on Friday and Saturday

March 14**Fine Arts Series**

Pianists Claire Aebersold & Ralph Neiweem
Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

This Weekend**Friday, March 13**

- Final Date To Add A Class
- Rose-Hulman Conference On Undergraduate Mathematics, Throughout Campus:
 - * Registration, Hadley Hall Lobby, 10 a.m.
 - * Lunch, Kahn Room, Hulman Union, Noon
 - * Welcoming Address, GM Room, 1:15 p.m.
 - * Invited Address, "A Tale Of Slow Projectiles: Tartaglia's Wager And Halley's Comment," Charles Groetsch of The University of Cincinnati, GM Room, 1:30 p.m.
 - * Contributed Student Papers, Crapo Hall, 3-4:30 p.m.
 - * Dinner, Kahn Room, Hulman Union, 5:30 p.m.
 - * Invited Address, "Puzzles And Paradoxes In Game Theory," Ed Packel of Lake Forest College (Ill.), E-104, 7 p.m.
- Baseball, Hope College, Art Nehf Field, 3:30 p.m. (9 Innings)
- Career Services Interviews: Stryker Instruments, Agra Placements

Saturday, March 14

- Rose-Hulman Conference On Undergraduate Mathematics, Throughout Campus:
 - * Invited Address, "Symbolic Dynamics: A Mathematica(I) Window To Chaos," Ed Packel of Lake Forest College (Ill.), E-104, 9:30 a.m.
 - * Contributed Student Papers, Crapo Hall, 10:40 a.m. to Noon
 - * Lunch, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union, Noon
- Fine Arts Series, Pianists Claire Aebersold & Ralph Neiweem, Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Baseball, Greenville College, Art Nehf Field, Noon (DH)
- Men's Tennis, at Coe College & Nebraska Wesleyan, 9 a.m.

March 15-21**Sunday, March 15**

- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program: IFYCSEM, O-257, 7-9 p.m.

Monday, March 16

- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program: Physics III (All Sections), BL-114, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

March 15-21 (continued)**Monday, March 16 (continued)**

- Career Services Interviews: Lockheed Martin Space Mission Systems & Services, Kentucky Manufacturing (Kentucky Trailer)

Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day

- Physics & Applied Optics Colloquium, "Astronomical Masers," Phil Lockett of Centre College (Ky.), GM Room, 4:20 p.m.
- Men's Tennis, Wabash College, Rea Park Courts, 3:30 p.m. (ICAC Match)
- Student Government Association Meeting, GM Room, 5:30 p.m.
- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program: Calculus III (Klebanoff), G-310, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Career Services Interviews: Schlumberger Wireline & Testing, Guardian Industries Corp., VI Engineering

Wednesday, March 18

- President's Administrative Council, Kahn Rooms, 8 a.m.
- Smoking Cessation Program, "Mastering The First Days," Faculty/Staff Lounge (E-204), Moench Hall, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Baseball, Wabash College, Art Nehf Field, 3 p.m. (9 Innings)
- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program: Physics III (All Sections), BL-114, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; IFYCSEM, O-257, 7-9 p.m.
- Career Services Interviews: Cole Associates, Nationsbank-CRT

Thursday, March 19

- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program: Calculus III (Klebanoff), G-310, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Career Services Interviews: PI Research, NSK

Friday, March 20

- Baseball, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Art Nehf Field:
 - * Wilmington College vs. Thomas More College, 1 p.m.
 - * Rose-Hulman vs. Thomas Moore, 3:30 p.m. (9 Innings)
- Golf, Wabash College, Crawfordsville or Hulman Links Golf Courses
- Career Services Interviews: One Call Communications

Saturday, March 21

- NSBE Leadership Retreat, Hulman Union, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Kids Fest, Sports & Recreation Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Baseball, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Art Nehf Field:
 - * Rose-Hulman vs. Wilmington College, 10:30 a.m.
 - * Thomas More vs. Wilmington College, 1 p.m.
 - * Rose-Hulman vs. College of Mount St. Joseph, 3:30 p.m.
- Men's Tennis, at Franklin College & Anderson University, 10 a.m. (ICAC)
- Golf, Wabash College, Crawfordsville or Hulman Links Golf Courses

March 22-28**Sunday, March 22**

- Baseball, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Art Nehf Field:
 - * Rose-Hulman vs. Wilmington College, Noon
 - * Rose-Hulman vs. Thomas More College, 3 p.m.
- Men's Tennis, University of Southern Indiana, Rea Park Courts, 10 a.m.
- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program: IFYCSEM, O-257, 7-9 p.m.

March 22-28 (continued)**Monday, March 23**

- JV Baseball, at Olney Central College, Olney, Ill., 2 p.m. (DH)
- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Physics III (All Sections), BL-114, 7:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24

- Explore Engineering (Grab Bag Engineering), GM Room, 7 p.m.
- Men's Tennis, Olney Central College, 3 p.m.
- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Calculus II (Klebanoff), G-310, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Career Services Interviews: Indiana Department of Transportation
- Career Services Information Session: CPX, Hulman Union

Wednesday, March 25

- President's Administrative Council, Faculty/Staff Dining Room, 8 a.m.
- Smoking Cessation Program, "Mastering Obstacles," Faculty/Staff Lounge (E-204), Moench Hall, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Baseball, at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., 3 p.m. (9 Innings)
- Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Programs, Physics III (All Sections), BL-114, 7:30-9 p.m.; IFYCSEM, O-257, 7-9 p.m.
- Career Services Interviews: CPX

Thursday, March 26

- Men's Tennis, Manchester College, Rea Park Courts, 4 p.m. (ICAC)

Friday, March 27

- Lambda Chi Alpha's Charity Run For Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Starting At 6 p.m.
- Army ROTC Spring Field Training Exercises
- Golf, at Prairie Fire Classic, Galesburg, Ill.

Saturday, March 28

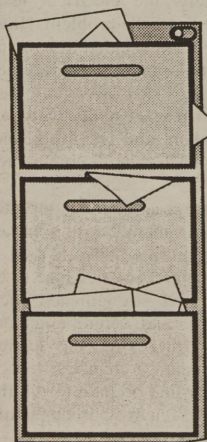
- Fine Arts Series, Engineers In Concert, Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. (Free Admission)
- Lambda Chi Alpha's Charity Run For Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Through 6 p.m.
- Army ROTC Spring Field Training Exercises
- Wabash Valley Alumni Family Day, Sports & Recreation Center
- Baseball, at Franklin College, Franklin, 1 p.m. (ICAC)
- Golf, at Prairie Fire Classic, Galesburg, Ill.

Submissions To Campus Events

Events may be published in *Campus Events* by any organization or individual. Information on club meetings, lectures/speeches, and athletic events, including announcements of times and locations may be submitted to *Campus Calendar*, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Thorn*.

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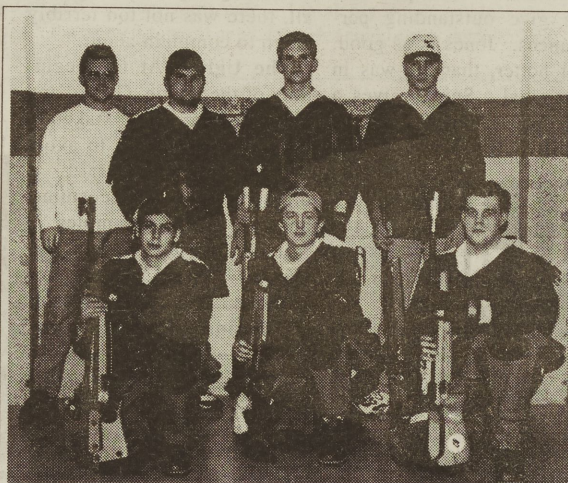
by Michael Ray
Rifle Coach

At the sectional match at Xavier University on February 15, the rifle team was on target, shooting a 4380 and 1429 for an aggregate of 5809. This was good enough to earn the 19th spot in the NCAA Final Rifle Poll, up from 20th last year. This is a great accomplishment given that it was a rebuilding year and there were only two-thirds of the normal number of smallbore practices.

Junior Rich Price led the team in both smallbore and air rifle, shooting a personal best of 1126 along with a solid 366. Junior Bryan Rushing was second in both disciplines with 1107 and 360. The team captain, junior John Collier, added 1098 and 353 while junior Mark Sweigart had 1049 and 350.

Rifle team history was made earlier in the season by freshman Amber Jonker, who became the first woman to

travel to a match with the 321 at Akron. The team will RHIT rifle team. She shot a benefit from her performance 926 and a 336 (a personal best) next year as she continues to at Ohio State and a 966 and improve.



Front row (L to R): Bryan Rushing, Rich Price, John Collier. Back row (L to R): Coach Michael Ray, Adam Nelson, Mark Sigart, Chad Wendell. Not shown: Amber Jonker and Charles Requet.

Photo courtesy of Rifle Team

Student-manned Phoneathon gets underway this Sunday

by Kevin Kaminski
Thorn News Editor

The Phoneathon, a fund-raising event organized by the development office and manned by students, will begin on Sunday. About 24 student callers are currently involved in the program. They will be calling 6,000 alumni and friends that have not yet donated in this fiscal year. The program's goal is to raise \$14,000 for the general fund.

Carol Wetherell, director of annual giving, is the coordinator for Phoneathon. She explained calls are typically made Sunday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A few Friday night or Saturday morning calls may be made to contact certain people if needed. Phoneathon runs until April 22.

Fourteen phones have been set up in the Kahn Room of the Union for the program. Wetherell said that each student caller must complete 23 calls per evening to meet the goal.

Wetherell explained that a lot of colleges have begun hiring outside sources to handle donation efforts. "We don't really feel that's the best

thing to do," she said. Wetherell said Rose's arrangement of having students do the calling has several benefits. Alumni are often eager to hear about campus events and ask the students questions. In addition, students often make contacts through the Phoneathon. For example, alumni may inform the students of job openings or other information relating to their field.

"It's a good experience for students, it helps [the development office], and alumni love to talk to the students," Wetherell explained.

Working the Phoneathon is a requirement for some of the work-study students in the development office. In addition, other student volunteers were sought to participate in the program. Students with work-study grants that participate in the program are paid for the time they work.

Many prizes have been donated from area businesses and organizations for Phoneathon workers. One prize is two tickets to the Indianapolis 500. Two Pacers tickets for the Pacers vs. Timberwolves game on April 2 are available. If the goal of raising \$14,000 from the Phonea-

thon is met, two Brickyard tickets will also be available as a prize. Terre Haute Savings Bank has donated two \$50 savings bonds as another incentive.

Many other prizes are available. Garfield's, Outback Steakhouse, Pizza Hut, and other area restaurants and businesses have donated prizes for the Phoneathon. Aramark Campus Dining Services is providing snacks every night for the Phoneathon callers. Pepsi is providing Pepsi products during the calling times. Prizes like two-liter bottles of Pepsi and microwave popcorn will be given away each night.

Wetherell said the Phoneathon has been held several times in the past, although it was not an annual event. "Hopefully it will be an annual [event] this time of year and we can continue to build up the incentives so more and more people can get involved with it," Wetherell explained.

Training for the event occurred this week. However, Wetherell said that others may still join the program. She encourages interested students to call her at x8468.

Model UN attends conference over break

Just what is a Model United Nations Conference? A Model U. N. team is an educational tool. Its primary purpose is to inform its participants about the U. N., international politics, and contemporary problems of international relations. This includes providing participants with an opportunity to explore how diplomacy, consensus building, caucusing, and committees operate.

The United Nations is evolving. Gone are the days of pariah nations walking out of sessions. Gone are the days of destructive individualism and rigidity. Caucusing, alliance building and consensus are built on relationships, trust, and common goals.

"No country is an island" and so too no delegate or nation stands alone. These are the themes of Model United Nations Conferences.

The Rose-Hulman Model U. N. Team recently returned from the Midwest Conference held in St. Louis. Over 40 colleges and universities participated, representing 65 nations. The Rose team represented the nation of Brazil. The Midwest

Conference simulated the committee process, the Plenary of the General Assembly, the Security Council, the International Court of Justice, and the International Press Corp.

Diverse topics of international concern were debated during the three day conference. For example, Rose delegates dealt with Regulation and Clearance of Land Mines, Methods of Repatriation and Protection of Refugees, Multinational Organization Involvement With Respect to Developing Economies, and Protection of Indigenous Cultural Property.

Members of the Rose team include Marina Modello, Matt Youngs, Michael Black, Bryan Evenson, Stephanie Cohen, Ted Gould, Ana Witaszczyk, and Jason Sherey. Club meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Moench 202A.

All Rose students are invited to join this organization as they prepare for future conferences. The team is coached by Martha Cornelius.

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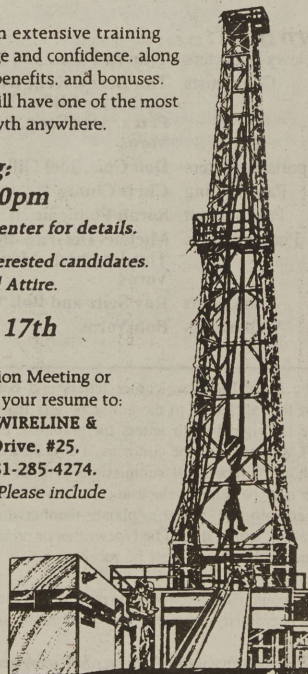
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U.S. Marshals almost as good as the original

Travis Holler
Thorn Columnist

Opening Notes: After the success of *The Fugitive*, it was almost inevitable that there would be a sequel... but with Harrison Ford having cleared his name in the original, there would have to be some changes. *U.S. Marshals* brings back Marshal Sam Gerard and his "posse" as they apprehend another fugitive from justice.

The Cast: Tommy Lee Jones reprises his role as Sam Gerard, and performs it just as well as in the original, for which he won an academy award. Wesley Snipes takes over as the "fugitive" this time, as he plays Mark Sheridan, a former CIA operative who fled to Chicago after being accused of a double murder while on the job.

Robert Downey, Jr., fills the role of agent John Royce, a

government agent sent to work with Gerard and company, and keep his superiors informed of the group's progress. Lesser-known actors play the rest of the cast, but each plays their role well. All in all, the movie has been well cast.

U.S. MARSHALS

The Plot: The plot is similar to that of the original film. It opens with Sheridan getting into a car accident, and being identified as the suspect in the New York murders. He is put on a criminal transport plane that Gerard also happens to be on. The plane crashes and Sheridan is the lone prisoner left unaccounted for. The rest of the film follows the chases and action involved with finding the "fugitive," as well as with Gerard trying to figure out

what really happened with the double homicide.

The Good: Snipes and Jones give outstanding performances. Jones is as good, if not better, than he was in the original. Snipes gives a great performance as the "fugitive," which is no small feat since he had to follow in the footsteps of Harrison Ford.

Overall, the movie flows well. The audience has no trouble getting into the action, and you don't really notice the plot similarities. The plane crash scene is very exciting, and the action that follows as Gerard and the other officers try to save the prisoners before the plane fills with water (it has ended up in a lake), is very intense; a well done sequence.

The Bad: The ending of the movie was a little predictable, and it left the audience a

bit unsatisfied. Also, one of the marshals is killed in an unsettling sequence, but overall, there was not too terribly much to complain about.

The Ugly: At the beginning of the movie, Gerard and his crew are on a stakeout. Each is disguised as to avoid detection, and Gerard is dressed in a chicken costume, handing out free-samples in front of a fried chicken restaurant. It's Tommy Lee Jones in tights... enough said.

Closing Notes: Overall, *U.S. Marshals* is a good film. It's not quite as good as the original, but few movies are. However, solid perfor-

mances from its cast members, as well as exciting action sequences, makes *U.S. Marshals* a worthy sequel, and a quality motion picture.

On a scale of 1 to 4 (with 4 being classic and 1 being *A Million to Juan*) I give this movie a 3½.

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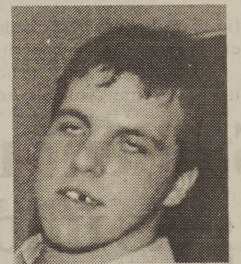
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Rose-Hulman Horoscopes



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

The cheese is a very important substance this time of year, especially to keep your skin in tip-top shape. You should try sunbathing in a vat of cucumber and pickle pigs feet, basically just for fun.



Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

So, you think that being cool is all about drinking lots of booze and twirling your hair. Well, you're wrong about the booze. You should try getting a little more stress into next week.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Standardize your way of skipping around campus. This should allow you time to concentrate on the more important aspects of your life: fingernails, Mexican candles, and meatballs.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Cancer isn't that big of a problem. Once you figure out a way to get rid of this sign, which you nearly missed by six months, everything will be peachy. Try not to gouge out your best friend's eyes.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The sign of aquarius has been the sign of many strong people over the years. Take John Travolta for instance. What a guy, and what a dancer. He's a nut, though, being a water sign and everything.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Oh sweet Pisces! One of the strongest signs of the whole zodiac. You must be proud of what you could accomplish if you weren't so drunk all of the time. Doesn't that upset your mother?



Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

Do the stars speak to you? If so, you should check into an insane asylum. Any self-respecting Dog-fearing adult would understand that stars don't talk. Try to stay away from rocks next week.



Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

There seems to be a lot of hectic things going on around you these days. It would help if you didn't walk down the middle of the highway causing all of those accidents. What an idiot you must be.



Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

The three most important things to remember about life: paper, rock, and scissors. With these three objects, anything can be accomplished. They also come in real handy for Trivial Pursuit™.



Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

They say that the best cure for the common cold is rest & relaxation. It's all crap. The best way to get rid of a cold is to get pneumonia or some other debilitating disease that makes a cold look like nothing.



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Boxer shorts may be cool and everything, but their lack of "security" may be more than it seems. On another note, why do you think goats get a bad rap for being "just goats"?



Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Oh sweet Virgo? What in the hell does that mean? Nothing really, considering the manic nature of most Virgos. The moon will be ascending into something, but you'll just be drunk, so who cares?

The rambling thoughts of a Rose student walking to class



Alex Song

Thorn Columnist

The other day, I was walking to class when a thought occurred to me. I cross the Root Quadrangle an average of about eight times on any given day. Yet every time I walk around the corner by the Logan Library, I can't seem to envision the Root Quad ever existing without that little strip of dead grass where people insist on cutting across the hypotenuse. In fact, I'd be willing to bet that the "Grassy Hypotenuse" has existed as long as the Root Quadrangle itself.

It's probably been over a year and a half since I last walked across that grass as a freshman. However the hypotenuse path continues to be a popular choice among a large portion of Rose students, so I recently decided to find out for myself just how much time can actually be saved by cutting across that corner.

The other night, under the cover of darkness, I decided to conduct an experiment. I discovered that it is possible to save eight seconds of walking time by cutting across the grass.

This only served to reinforce my belief that whoever designed the Root Quad sidewalks must have been high on crack when he included all of those sharp turns and zigzags. I'm sure the guy knew that he was designing it for a bunch of engineering and math majors, and he had to foresee the creation of the "student-improvised shortcut" coming a mile away.

Yet he designed the Quad like that anyway. I have come to the conclusion that his sole purpose was to tease the engineering students at this school in order to win a bet with his drinking buddies. He's probably the same guy who designed Deming Hall so that you can't go from the basement to the third floor in any single staircase.

However, this does not mean that I endorse cutting across the Root Quad grass. In fact, I would like to propose a solution to the problem.

The school should show a mandatory videotape during freshman orientation of a guy walking across the Root Quad grass, only to be blown to bits seconds later by a buried land mine. No explanation or commentary would be given to explain the twenty second scene, but the school would quiet-

ly reinforce the charade by actually planting little wire prongs sticking out of the grass to look like land mine sensors.

I think my simple and inexpensive idea could easily deter 95% of

finally be a new sidewalk covering what used to be that familiar strip of dead grass.

Decades may come and go, but the shortest distance between two points will always be a straight line, and Rose students of the future will have always learned this fact in ninth grade geometry class.

Anyway, it's probably hypocritical of me to complain about the laziness of people cutting across the Quadrangle grass, since I happen to be one of those students who is actually lazy enough to frequently use the Rose-Hulman elevators. If you didn't already know, RHIT elevators are once again listed in the Guinness Book of World records as "the slowest elevators in the Western Hemisphere."

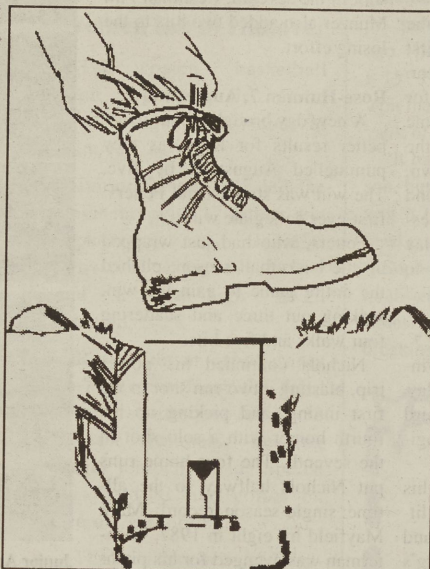
In fact, I think it would be possible for an average person to press the button for the elevator by the GM Room, run about a hundred yards to check his or her mailbox, and then make it back to the elevator in time before the doors opened. A really fast track runner might even have time to stop briefly and admire the holographic display case in the middle of Moench hall before running

back and still beating the elevator.

To the passing runner, that holographic display case must be an eye-catcher. Particularly impressive is the one of the Russian woman's face. Although small children might find the smiling severed head somewhat frightening, I'll have to admit that it's my favorite Moench hall hologram. Coming in a close second is the microscope, where you can look into the eyepiece and see the microchip; or whatever that thing is supposed to be in there.

What I don't understand, however, is why someone bothered to make a hologram of a \$10,000 bill. As awesome as I think \$10,000 bills are, they are still flat, two-dimensional objects. And making a hologram of a 2-D object defeats the purpose of making holograms. If I made the hologram, I would have at least crumpled the bill up first, or done something to give it a 3-D effect.

But what we probably don't realize is that the "holographic" bill sitting in the glass case that we all walk past dozens of times a day is actually real. And probably so is the grinning severed head. They're both probably stolen evidence from some still-unsolved Russian mob crime. Actually I don't know any of this for sure, but it is something to think about.



all future grass walkers, and restore the grassy hypotenuse to near pristine condition.

Unfortunately, I doubt that my "unconventional" plan will ever get implemented. But I do think the grassy hypotenuse problem will one day be solved. I'll probably come back for some class reunion in the future, and there will

Wishful thoughts for involvement

Thu Vu Pham
Thorn Philosopher

Every once in a while, I come across something that makes me stop and reevaluate my life. Sometimes I have this out of body experience as if I am standing 20 years from now and I am looking back at the present and I would say, "Boy, this kid must be going through one of those drug induced hallucination and thinks he can save the world".

So tonight, I just finished watching the end of *Contact*, a movie with Jodie Foster finding the vastness of the universe, and before I know it, this whole contemplation process spreads before my eyes and I felt this need to write it down.

There was a moment in the movie when Foster's character is sitting in

front of a panel of an international investigation committee to defend her actual journey across the universe. Foster tried to get everyone to see her vision, but everyone needed physical data to validate her claims. The moment then comes when Foster explains that this universe is so vast and we are so small and insignificant, but despite all of the immensity, we are very special.

That is when I have the thought that I should do something to save the world.

I ask myself why I am letting an idealistic movie create a Dawson's Creek short term dilemma. For those who do not watch the show, Dawson's problems are always life shattering for the moment and then irrelevant like the rest of the show.

I guess my main concern this year is the lack of participation by the student body with our campus.

I came to Rose with the hope that my college years would be memorable because this school must have a lot of school spirit. But it has been depressing to be surrounded by seniors who can't wait to get away from this place and freshmen complaining of their never ending hell.

I guess I am being very idealistic to wish that everyone would want to be involved in campus activities. I wish more people would write for the *Thorn*. I wish more people would take pictures for the *Modulus*. I wish more people would join SAB or more than fifty other clubs on this campus. I wish, I wish, I wish...

So what does *Contact* have to do with campus activities? I guess according to Foster's character, in this universe we are very small and insignificant, but we are also unique. We are unique because even when we know that we are insignificant in relation to the universe or what's happening tomorrow, we can make a difference in our own lives by effecting and making a difference to the people around us.

So while I won't save the world, I can make a difference in your life one of these days. For example, five years from now you could be opening this year's yearbook and have a good time remembering the good old days. I guess for that short moment my involvement with the *Modulus* could brighten someone's world.

The world is what you make it to be. Maybe you should join some clubs to make it yours.



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Baseball team returns from successful Florida trip

by Don Cole
Thorn Sports Reporter

As the weather warms at the end of this week, the outlook is greatly improved for the Rose-Hulman baseball team to play its five scheduled games this weekend at Art Nehf Field. The Engineers will look to improve on the 6-3 mark they brought back with them from sunny Fort Myers, Fla.

Rose is scheduled to tangle with powerhouse Hope College today at 3:30 p.m. in a single nine-inning game. Saturday, Rose will host a doubleheader against Greenville beginning at noon. The Engineers will close out their busy weekend Sunday against Milwaukee School of Engineering, also beginning at noon.

The Engineers' exploits in Florida are chronicled below.

Rose-Hulman 11, MSOE 3

The Engineers got the season started off right with an eight run victory over Milwaukee School of Engineering. Matt Sims picked up the victory and Brad Garrett pitched two innings for the save.

Rose never relinquished the lead that they gained in the top of the second, holding MSOE scoreless until the bottom of the sixth inning, when Sims gave up a three-run shot that trimmed the lead to one run. Sims, who had pitched five-plus innings with seven strikeouts and four walks, was pulled in favor of the catcher, Brad Garrett. Garrett held MSOE hitless, and struck out two for the save.

Garrett got plenty of help from his teammates in the top of the seventh, as the visiting Engineers exploded for seven runs. Phil Munzer collected four hits in his first game, including two in the seventh. Eric Baer contributed a two-run single in the inning as well. Freshman Andy Tochtermann scored big in his first game as well, hitting a home run in the sixth inning.

Rose-Hulman 4, Indiana Wesleyan 1

Rose finished the first day on a winning note, defeating Indiana Wesleyan by three. Junior Andy Cain pitched a three-hitter to earn his first win of the season.

Once again, the Engineers refused the opposition a chance at the lead, going ahead early in the second 1-0. Although IWU tied

the game in the top of the fifth, a three-run sixth sealed IWU's doom. Andy Cain was on top of his game, striking out five and walking one in his complete game victory.

It was Rob Nichols that put the Engineers up by one in the first with his first homer of the year. Nichols also put the team up for good in the sixth, doubling home Jimmy Costa, who led off the inning with a double of his own. Wes Jourmay drove in the second run of the inning with a bases-loaded single, while a double play later allowed the final run to score.

Wittenberg 10, Rose-Hulman 7

Wittenberg brought Rose's winning streak to an end the next day, scoring seven runs in the third inning and defeating the Engineers by three.

Starter Jimmy Costa lost in his first start of the year, lasting a little more than two innings and bearing the brunt of Wittenberg's explosion in the third. A cadre of relievers kept the game close, only allowing Wittenberg two runs in the bottom of the fifth. Pitching alone did not cost the game; the Engineers committed three errors. Wittenberg, not to be outdone, committed five.

The score remained an ugly 8-2 until the top of the fifth inning, when Rob Nichols blasted a three-run homer, his second of the season. Rose added two more runs in the inning to bring the score to 8-7.

Wittenberg was too tough, however, using three home runs and a two-run fifth to defeat the Engineers. A bases-loaded rally by the Engineers in the seventh died with a double play.

Walsh 13, Rose-Hulman 8

Rose lost another slugfest later in the day when they lost to Walsh by five. Walsh never allowed Rose a chance at the lead, going up 6-2 by the third and adding five more runs in the top of the sixth.

Tochtermann lost his first collegiate start, working all the way into the sixth inning. The previous game had exhausted much of the Engineer relief squad. Marc McCullough and Barry Templin finished the game, both entering the game in the sixth.

Steve Krause responded well to getting his first collegiate start, hammering a pair of doubles and a single. Ryan Pownall hit his first home run of the season, a two-run shot in the seventh; freshman Phil Munzer also added two hits to the losing effort.

Rose-Hulman 7, Augustana 2

A new day brought about much better results for Rose, as they pummeled Augustana by five. The win was starter Brad Fetters' first-ever collegiate win.

Fetters, who had just wrapped up the basketball season, pitched the entire game to gain the win, striking out three and scattering four walks and five hits.

Nichols continued his power trip, blasting a two-run shot in the first inning, and picking up his fourth homer with a solo shot in the seventh. The four home runs put Nichols halfway to the all-time single-season record; Mark Mayfield hit eight in 1987. Tochtermann was avenged for his pitching loss when he belted his second homer of the season in the fifth, a three-run shot that put the game out of reach of Augustana.

Adrian 8, Rose-Hulman 6

It appeared an odd-even jinx was beginning to appear with the Engineers as they lost to Adrian by two on the fourth day of play, March 5th.

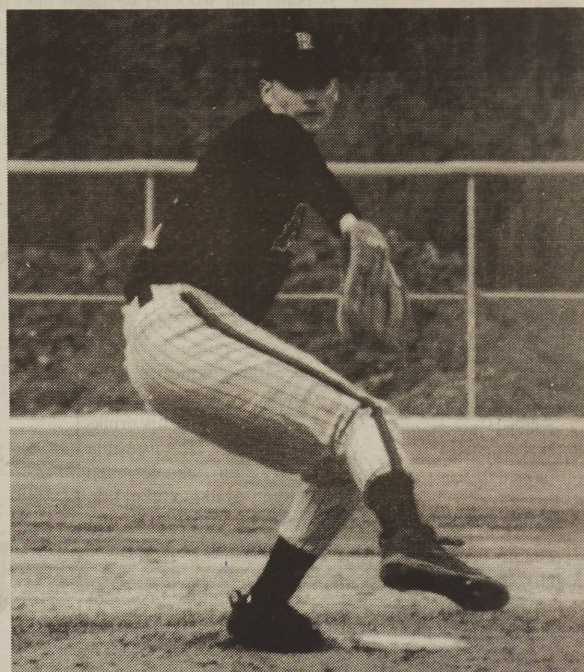
Templin picked up the loss in relief when Adrian exploded for five runs in the sixth, erasing Rose's 6-3 lead. Following back-to-back-to-back home runs in the fifth off starter Garrett, Rose's freshman pitchers were unable to hold back an Adrian comeback, giving up two more home runs in the top of the sixth.

Mike Krueger started off the scoring in the first with a two-run bomb, his first of the year. Nichols took one out in the third for his fifth homer of the season. Krueger also went on to add a double and came out of the loss with three RBIs.

Rose-Hulman 4, Johnson & Wales 2

There was no odd-even jinx after all, as Rose defeated J&W by two after losing to Adrian. Another solid pitching performance sealed the Engineers' fourth win.

It was freshman John Bowen



Junior Andy Cain returns from Florida with a 2-0 record and 1.29 ERA. Cain tossed two complete games, including a three-hitter against Indiana Wesleyan.

Photo provided by Darin Bryan

who delivered a great performance in his first start at Rose-Hulman. Bowen went the distance, keeping J&W scoreless until the seventh. Bowen proceeded to get the bases loaded, then struck out one batter on a full count and forcing the next to ground out and get him the win.

Rose's home run streak ended with this game. Tochtermann stayed on a hot streak, driving in two runs with a single and a double. Krueger doubled and scored in the first and contributed a sac fly in the fifth.

Rose-Hulman 4, Ohio Northern 2

The Engineers won their first extra-inning contest, beating Ohio Northern by two thanks to Costa's RBI single in the top of the tenth.

Sims worked all ten innings to gain his second win of the season; he even outlasted his catcher, Garrett, who was pulled in the ninth for Krause. Sims struck out nine during the game, and allowed Ohio Northern's two runs on a single in the first and a walk in the eighth.

Pownall picked up his second homer of the year with a solo shot in the second that tied the game at two. Tochtermann started a two-out

eighth inning rally that resulted in a brief 2-1 lead for the Engineers. Costa drove in the winning run in the tenth with a single; a second run scored on a throwing error from an outfielder.

Rose-Hulman 4, Missouri-St. Louis 3

The Engineers went down early to nationally ranked Division II school Missouri-St. Louis, 3-0, but slowly nibbled away at that lead, coming back with successive one-run innings until winning in the bottom of the seventh.

Cain went the distance for his second win of the season, holding the opposition hitless after their three-run third. Cain struck out seven in his second complete game victory of the year. The win put the Engineers at 6-3 for the Florida road trip.

Munzer started the seventh inning rally with a single; Tochtermann followed that with a single of his own. After a wild pitch, with runners at second and third and two outs, Nichols laced a single to left, scoring Munzer and winning the game. Nichols drove in three of the runs for the Engineers, while Costa got the other one with a double.

Highlights from Florida

- * Junior **Rob Nichols** hit at a .387 clip with five home runs and ten RBI.
- * Sophomore **Mike Krueger** is hitting .400 with one home run, six RBI and a team-leading six doubles.
- * Freshman **Andy Tochtermann** is hitting .296 with two home runs and six RBI.
- * The Engineers pitching staff has allowed opponents to hit only .226 in the first nine games.
- * Junior **Andy Cain** has pitched two complete games, allowing only seven hits in 14 innings while striking out 12. His ERA is currently 1.29.
- * Senior **Matt Sims** is also 2-0, with a 3.00 ERA and 16 strikeouts in just 15 innings of work.

Schedule of Games this Weekend

Friday, March 13 vs. Hope, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 vs. Greenville (DH), 12 p.m.

Sunday, March 15 vs. M.S.O.E. (DH), 12 p.m.

(DH) indicates doubleheader

Sports Briefs

Tennis off to strong start

The Rose-Hulman tennis team will travel to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a pair of matches against Coe College and Nebraska Wesleyan after starting the season with victories over IU-Southeast, Greenville College and McKendree College.

The Engineers defeated IU-Southeast 8-1, then dispatched Greenville 9-0. Rose then disposed of McKendree College 6-3.

Junior Craig Clark is 2-1 at the number one singles spot. Freshmen Tyson May and Robert Kober are each 3-0 at the two and three singles.

Egli's 33 not enough

The men's basketball team lost in the first round of their final ICAC tournament to visiting Hanover College, 72-

59. The loss dropped the Engineers to 14-13.

Junior Bryan Egli scored a game-high 33 points, including 6 of 13 three-pointers, but it wasn't enough to lead the Engineers over the Panthers.

Rose-Hulman shot only 41.5 percent from the field, compared to the 46.2 percent clip of Hanover, and were outrebounded 36-30. The Engineers also turned the ball over 17 times while only forcing 11 turnovers.

The Panthers built a 27-17 halftime lead and led by as many as 16. Rose-Hulman never got it closer than eight after Egli hit five treys in less than six minutes. But Hanover responded by scoring the next eight points.

Egli and junior Sam Johnson were selected to the First Team All-ICAC team, and junior Joe Puthoff received honorable mention.

Women fall to Hanover

The women's basketball team dropped its first round ICAC tournament match to Hanover, 74-42.

Junior Bessie Fulk led the Engineers with 17 points and sophomore Jennifer Schwartz added six points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Rose-Hulman shot only 26.7 percent from the field and were outrebounded 48-33 by the Panthers. Leading scorer junior Amanda Speich was held to five points on two of 20 shooting.

The loss dropped the Engineers to 3-22 for the season as they lost their last 18 games.

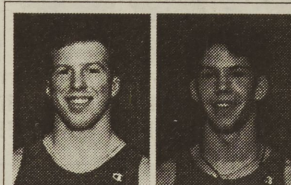
Athletes compete at nationals

Two Rose athletes will be competing at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Nationals this weekend at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

Senior Ryan Loftus will defend his pole vault title from a year ago. His best vault this season was a 15' 7" vault last Friday. Loftus won the Nationals last year with a vault of 16' 8".

"It has been a struggle this season, but maybe he [Loftus] is putting it together at the right time," head coach Bill Welch said.

Sophomore Phil Reksel has qualified in the 400 meter with the fastest time in the nation at 48.91, breaking his own school record.



Loftus Reksel
Senior Ryan Loftus and sophomore Phil Reksel are competing at Nationals this weekend.

Reksel set this time while placing first at the Hoosier Hills Open at Indiana University Feb. 21.

"It was good to see Phil qualify automatically," Welch said. "He stepped up to another level and ran very competitively."

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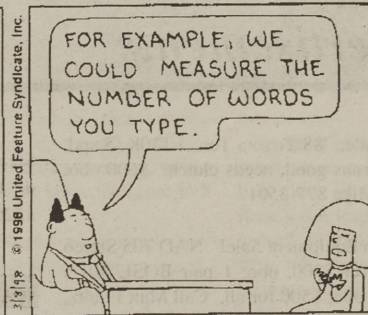
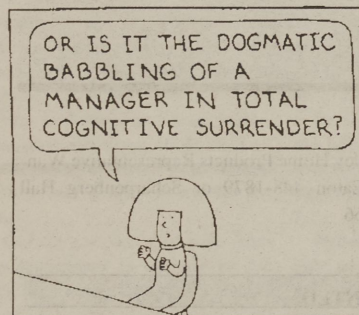
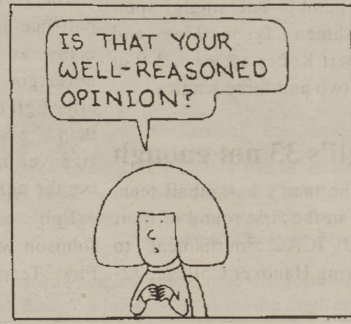
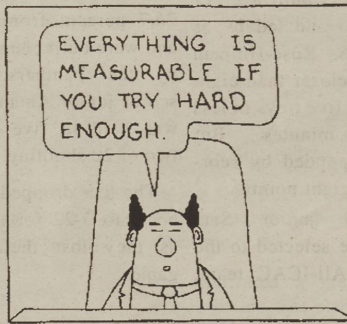
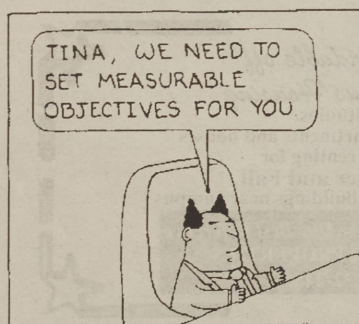
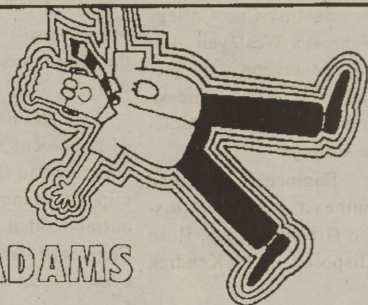
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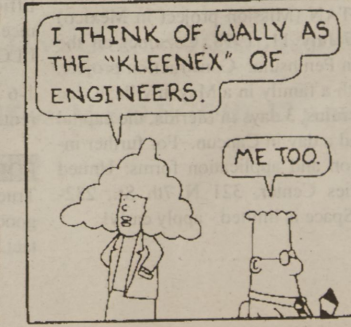
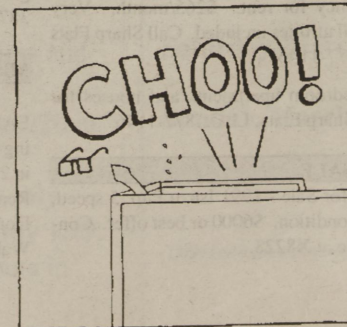
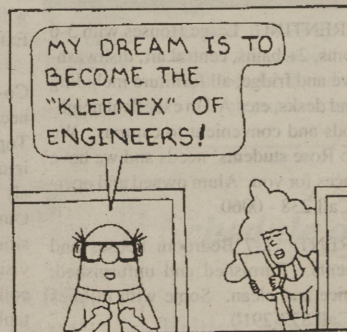
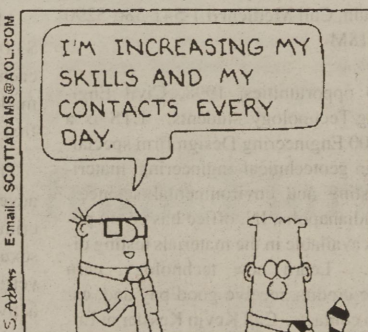
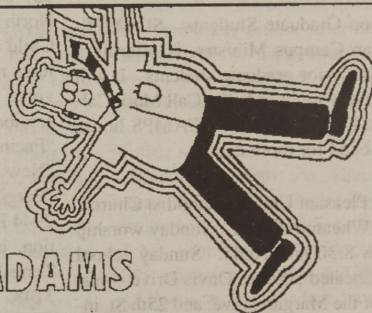
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